

Remarks

The Office Action mailed April 26, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner also provisionally rejects claims 6 through 26 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 27 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,317,741. Claims 6 through 12 and 14 through 26 are previously presented. Claim 13 has been cancelled without admission and without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the canceled subject matter in one or more Continuation applications. Claims 6 through 12 and 14 through 26 are now pending in the application.

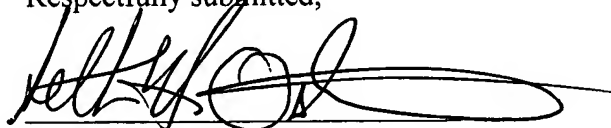
As indicated in the amendment submitted herewith, Applicant has cancelled claim 13, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot. A terminal disclaimer is also submitted herewith to address the Examiner's provisional rejection of claims 6 through 26 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 through 27 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,317,741.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully solicited. To expedite prosecution of this application to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicant's undersigned representative to discuss any issues relating to the present application.

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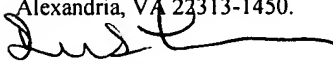
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